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FROM: Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC)
California Department of Industrial Relations

2007 Billing Notice

**Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund
(WOSHEF)**

Background

Labor Code Section 6354.7 requires that workers' compensation insurers fund WOSHEF by paying an annual fee of the greater of \$100.00 or .000286 percent of their paid workers' compensation indemnity claims as reported for the prior calendar year on the "Call for California Workers' Compensation Experience" filed with the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California (WCIRB).

WOSHEF funds two programs administered by CHSWC:

- A Worker Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program (WOSHTEP).
- A Loss Control Services Coordinator function.

Please review the information on the following pages about the 2007 Billing Notice and the obligation of insurers to provide loss control services.

Billing Notice

This letter serves as your 2007 Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund (WOSHEF) Billing Notice.

In order to comply with this billing notice, please be sure to:

1. Complete the enclosed "Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund Fee Report" form (CHSWC-1). [Also referred to as the "WOSHEF Fee Report."]
2. Include a copy of the most recent Certificate of Authority issued by the California Department of Insurance for each insurance carrier writing workers' compensation in California.
3. Have the WOSHEF Fee Report signed by the Company Officer (a person with authority to establish the loss control consultation program and authorize the payment of fees into the WOSHEF).
4. Include a copy of the "Call for California Workers' Compensation Experience" that was filed with the WCIRB for calendar-year 2006. A sample copy of the "Call" is enclosed for your reference.
5. Calculate the assessment due by referring to the calendar Year 2006 "Call" to determine the amount of Paid Indemnity Claims you had for the prior year. Calculate .000286 of this figure to determine the fees due or the minimum payment of \$100. (The enclosed CHSWC-1: WOSHEF Fee Report form includes a sample calculation.)
6. Enclose a check made out to the "Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund" for the amount of fees due.
7. Return the completed WOSHEF Fee Report, along with the required fee and attachments, no later than April 1, 2007, to:

Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC)
Attention: WOSHEF
1515 Clay Street, Room 901
Oakland, CA 94612

Insurer Obligations to Provide Loss Control Services

Labor Code Section 6354.5 and Insurance Code Section 11703 require all workers' compensation insurers to maintain or provide occupational safety and health loss control consultation services. These services must be adequate to identify the hazards exposing the insured to, or causing the insured, significant workers' compensation losses, and to advise the insured of steps needed to mitigate the identified workers' compensation losses or exposures.

The insurer's loss control consultation services program must include all of the following:

- A workplace survey, including discussion with management and, where appropriate, non-management personnel with permission of the employer.
- A review of injury records with appropriate personnel.
- The development of a plan to improve the employer's health and safety loss control experience, which shall include, where appropriate, modifications to the employer's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code Section 6401.7.
- At the time that an insurance policy is issued, and annually thereafter, your company must provide each insured employer with a written description of the consultation services together with a notice that the services are available at no additional charge to the employer. These notices to the employer must appear in at least 10-point bold type.

Please make certain that your loss control consultation services are in compliance with these laws.

For Assistance...

If you should have any questions regarding your 2007 Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund (WOSHEF) Billing Notice or the provision of loss control consultation services to your California policyholders, please call the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation (CHSWC) at (510) 622-3959.

Again, please note that the WOSHEF Fee Report, required attachments, and the payment of fees must be filed with this office no later than April 1, 2007.

Enclosures:

- CHSWC-1: Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Education Fund (WOSHEF) Fee Report
- Sample of "Call for California Workers' Compensation Experience"
- Overview of WOSHTEP Accomplishments